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What a Former Resident of Marshall County Thinks of Nebraska. Madison, Neb., Dec. 23d, 1878.

Editor Republican :-Being the only subscriber of your paper in this part of Nebraska, and having been a resident of Marshall and Stark counties for ten years prior to coming to Nebraska, and now that immigration is being turned towards this State from Indiana, as

sand. The B. & M. R. R. has a large Dyspepsia and Sick Headache, or diseases of that character, they stand without a rival. amount of the very best lands in the county, and are preparing to locate not less than two hundred families on the same the coming summer. Many parties from Elgin, Ill., have been here and made their selections. joining Platte county on the north. while Madison, the county-seat of Madison county is thirty five miles north of Columbus, the county-seat of Platte county, which is located on same as in the post: To present all the news in a tains perhaps 3,000 inhabitants. The town of Madison is situated in Union Creek valley and immediately at the confluence of Union and Taylor

water power which is still walting to be utilized. Madison has one flouring mill as good as your Plymouth water mill, one weekly paper, one bank, two good hotels, three churches -all fine structures,-representing the Methodists, party. There need be no mystery about its loves Presbyterians and Catholics. Business of all kinds is well represented; as against the dishonest Republican, and for the three blacksmiths, one wagon shop, one butcher, one harness-maker, of any politician or political organization. It gives its support unreservedly when men or measures are in agreement with the Constitution and with the principles upon which this republic was founded for the people. Whenever the Constitution and ing fifteen hundred dollars; lumber yard, boot and shoe shop, &c. The town consists of about three hundred souls. When I settled here, seven years ago, one small structure, sixteen by twenty, used as a district school house, was all there was of what is now known as the town of Missouri river. The altitude of this of liberalism over absolutism, and a not die quick enough to suit me. I Detroit Free Press. county is at least fifteen hundred series of great triumphs of the people one night knocked his brains out feet above Marshall county, Ind., over those who claim to be their ru- with a club and took all his money. hence the pure air of which we boast lers .- Indianapolis Journal. so much. This entire county is the

braska, but they are playing out as

the country fills up with permanent

wind to-day.

Very respectfully yours, WARREN H. HARRIS.

Signs of the Times. There has been no time during the present generation, perhaps no time in the memory of any person now living when the political condition of Europe was more critical than present. Disquiet and unrest prevail everywhere, and on all sides may be noted signs of deep popular move well as from other eastern States, it ments which portend change. Some coming to Nebraska to have the fact, derground, with only occasional out as they are in this (Madison) county croppings; but they all point to one and Northern Nebraska before they conclusion, and that is a state of universal unrest among the people. Next March I will have been here Whatever form this feeling takes it eight years. At that time Madison has the same origin everywhere in county had been organized but two growing spirit of liberalism, a growyears, and possessed about seven ing hostility to arbitrary government and determination to assert individual rights. The spirit of liberty is abroad in the world, and though the progress be slow, it is steady and incessant. The doctrines of the Declaration of Independence are making port. The other robber, lurking in complish, secures the aid of others. their way among nations and peoples the neighborhood, hear's the shot and indifferent in the matter, by promiswhere, perhaps, the declaration itself returned to the house to find his com- ing to assist in matters in which the was scarcely ever read. The doctrine rad's dead body plugging the hole in others are interested. This log-rollof the divine right of kings no longer the door and hanging there. Before ing system found a fruitful theater of steading, &c., is about all taken, yet has any foothold among the masses, he could remove the body, which was operation in legislative appointments very many claims can be bought at Personal government is on the wane, held in the opening by the girl, and to office, and was soon transferred to and personal rights and personal lia- enter the room where the mother and other subjects of legislation, in which bility are in the ascendant. The idea dangeter were, the farmer came with members or their constitutionts had ly on wheels, bound to go farther that a few men are born to rule and a force sufficient to capture the other west as long as there is land to travel | the great mass to be ruled, is becom. robber. Then they sent for some poon. Madison county is located ad- ing hateful to the people. Kings and lice to take charge of the living robmonarchs, instead of riding rough. ber and the corpse. On the person of shod over their subjects and making the deal robber the police found two footballs of their liberties as former- pistols, a poinard, and a whistle. The ly, are scarcely to retain their thrones whistle was a treasure now, as there by the most careful and considerate were doubtless more robbers within exercise of power. It is truer to-day its call. The police sounded the than ever before that "uneasy rests whistle, and concealed themselves in the head which wears a crown." The the house to await results. The Emperor of Germany is scarcely shrill call brought four more men into able, even with the consumate ability the house, where they were caged and and adtroitness of Bismarck, to re- ironed, and all five were marched to creeks, both streams affording good press the growing spirit of liberalism jail in good order, and the dead robwith schemes and dreams of foreign mother's life and her father's money. conquest, has all he can do to sup- made six robbers fewer in Spain, and own capital and prevent his dissatis. St. Louis Republican. fled subjects from open outbreak The spirit of communism and liberalism which pervades Germany also pervades Russia, and under the form being conveyed to Kearney, Neb., to knee. of Nihilism has permeated all classes answer the charge of the murder of

with good, pure water, far preferable the pardon in his hand, kissed it with next day and feed the stock. That

bave been a great drawback to Ne- another name.

Caramita of La Carolina.

everything she had. I accordingly

"Log-Rolling."

When the election of Judges by

A whole band of robbers was very soid out everything, and, as I saw I settlers. This year's crops are good, neatly trapped in La Carolina, Spain, was suspected, left the place and but prices very low; wheat all the by the bravery of a girl of thirteen, came on to Mt. Pleasant. It was on way from thirty five to sixty cents, who has become the heroine of the the 8th of December that I commitcorn fifteen cents, and potatoes from neighborhood. She is the daughter ted these murders. I deny nothing. fifteen to twenty-five, cents. The of a farmer named Fueras, and is I am guilty of the crimes I am weather has been very fine, farmers called Caramita. The family consists charged with, and expect to hang for having plowed up to the 6th inst .; of the husband and wife and daugh- them, but when they take me back I there is, however, a little snow and ter. The farmer sold some cattle for want to be treated as if I was once

\$1.500, and had the money in his Nebraska has been and is yet, po- house. A band of robbers knew of the title, and have a fair trial before itically, Republican. I will be re- the sale and the money, and laid their the law. I believe I shall be mobbed nembered, by the old citizens of plans to rob the house. After the as soon as I arrive in Kearney. I am Marshall county, as a straight Repub- farmer had gone out with his worka member of a band in Nebraska lican, and in many respects I still people, a couple of strangers apthat is sworn to avenge the death of any member, and they will avenge cling to the old party; but on the proached the house-a man travelmoney question I am rather inclined stained, supporting a woman who mine. I am sorry I came home and to be a Greenbacker, and, by your seemed unable to walk any further. brought disgrace upon my friends permission, I will congratulate my The man explained to the farmer's who live in Mt. Pleasant." old friends. John S. Bender, Norm wife that he was going to a distant Woodward and Mike Downey, for town with his wife, and she, being ill, their work in favor of money stamped had broken down on the way. He asked permission for the sick woman the Legislatures of the States became But I do not design preaching poli- to enter the house and rest while he the accepted theory of American ics, and if this letter should be went to find a conveyance to enable sta esmenship, the appointment of thought worthy of publication, may them to continue their journey. Permany other officers was vested in the at some future time tell you some- mission was granted, the woman same bodies. Here was a wide field thing in regard to our railroads, &c. taken in, and the man left. The sick for combinations, for exchanges of

and the mother and daughter went given rise to the expressive term "log on with their work. Very soon Cara- rolling," as applicable to that and to in Washington the 234. The object mits discovered that their guest had other forms of legislative action. It is to form a society which, by its ac on a pair of pantaloons under the comes from the custom of the early cumulation of funds from fees shall gown. She communicated the fact settlers in clearing the trees from the insure its members' a certain amount to her mother, unobserved by the soil which they intend to cultivate, of money in case of death. visitor, and the two managed quickly When the trees were all felled and A woman at Lawrence, Mass,. has to slip into another room, close and cut into logs from ten to twelve feet just given birth to her twenty-second lock the door. The visitor, left alone long, they were gathered into large child, while her two married daugh and knowing that his character had piles and burned up to get them out ters have contributed a baby a year from luna, the moon, and really been discovered, threw off the dis- of the way. This piling business re- to the population of the state during gnise, and ordered the women to quire more force than was at the the seven and three years of their re- blame the moon for it. The moon not opened, and the robber began came the custom, as it did in houseto cut through it with a large kuife. raising, corn-husking and other simi-At length he hacked a hole big lar matters, that when the settler was enough for his body, and he began to ready for the performance his neighcrawl through it. The woman faint- bors came and, putting their joint ed and fell to the floor. The brave forces together, the logs were soon girl seized her father's gun, which piled ready for the fire. He in turn was in the room, heavily charged with helped each neighbor when needed, buckshot, placed the muzzle against and so these neighborhood meetings the side of the man, now half way came to be called "log-rollings." It through the hole, and unaile quickly is aptly expressive of the combinato get either backward or forward, tion of forces in a legislative body, by and pulled the trigger. There was which one member or set of members, an instantly dead man and a loud re- who have a particular object to ac-

Stephen D. Richards, who is now

Brother Gardner's Lime-Kiln Club "Gen'lem, if you see a pusson rush in' 'round de world enveloped in a di mund pin an' an ulster, am dat any sign dat he pays taxes, rents a church pew, an' brings his chill'en up in de way dey should go?" Brother Gardner looked down up the sixty-four faces in the orchestr

chairs, but not a voice responded. "When you see a pusson seated in a sky-blue cutter, pushiu' de lin throughout the empire. The Czar of ber was buried. Little, black-eyed over a fast hoss an' lookin' outer his Russia, while occupying his army Caramita saved her own and her left eye as if he had the bulge on all de co'ner lots in town, am dat enny sign dat a single grocer would trus' him press the spirit of discontent in his herself the heroine of the La Carolina. for a box of sa'dines or a peck of car-

> The Eider Toots heaved a deep sigh, and Huckleberry Jones silently scratched his off leg just below the

of society. Within a few days the the Harleson family, has made a full de kyar, pushes folks roun' on de telegraph has reported a formidable confession, acknowledging his having market, elbows aroun' de City Hall, demonstration of students in St. committed nine murders within the an'gits de fust place at de stamp-Petersburg, who assembled before last three years. His own words are window in de Post-office, am dat enny the place to the number of several about as follows: "I was born in sign dat when it came to de pull he'd hundred to demand certain conces- Mount Pleasant, Jefferson county. give half a dollar's worth of wood ter buy as much of the merchant's wares sions, and were only dispersed by Onio, and am a Quaker by birth and keep an orfun asylum from freezin' military force and after numerous ar- religion. I lived there with nothing to death? Doan' you black folks git of anything. In the far West, in Col rests. The same spirit of unrest pre eventful happening to me until three dust in yer eyes! Dar's a heap of orado, and on the Pacific, "times are vails to a greater or less extent un years ago, when a desire to roam sand an'saw-dust in dis woruld dat flush," and business of all legitimate der every monarchical government about took possession of me. I went passes for sugar to de man walkin' by, kinds prosperous. are both growing towas in the north in Europe. Only in Frace, where the west, and having fived in Michigan, but when you come to de pinch de suand north-west part of the county. people have Republican government Iowa, Wisconsin, Kansas, Missouri, gar ain't dar. De saw-dust bulges days ago by the superintendent of The soil I think is as good as there is and something like personal liberty, Colorado, and Nebraska. The first up an' de saud creeps out, an' you am the lunatic asylum on Ward's Island, told by Secretary Stanton that at the are they moving along contentedly murder I committed was in Buffalo dis'pinted an' disgusted. It's kinder near New York, that one of the in of a depth of from four to six feet, in the pursuit of happiness, and to- county, in the latter state, where I hard to have to eat cold turnips when mates had received a bequest of \$4 which produces in abundance every ward the achievement of a national shot a man with whom I was engag- you know dat family nex' doah am 000 in cash from a deceased brother. thing that Indiana does; wheat destiny in which they feel they have ed in a quarrel. I afterward murder- juxaratin' on sweet cake an' turkey, When the lunatic was informed of (mostly spring wheat), corn, rye, bar- a personal interest. Everywhere else ed a man in his own house, because but if de turnips am paid for you the fact he declared he would have were for hanging, some for imprisonley, oats, potatoes, and in fact any there are deep mutterings, and the he cursed me, beating his brains out needn't fear for yer digestion. I exand all kinds of vegetables are pro- signs and sounds of approaching with a hammer. I then went to peck dat de h'arafter am de biggest cause money was the cause of all the duced readily. For stock raising, I corvulsions. As matters now look it Kearney. At that place there lived fing enny of us hev got to work fur, think this country cannot be sur- would be safe to predict that the a Swede, a bachelor, on a farm by an' I tole you, brudders, dat big sealpassed. The general health does, next few years will witness great himself; he had plenty of money; I rings an' pants cut twenty-two inch Providence has provided labor at fif and always will, excel that of Indiana, changes in the governments and went to live with him, soon after across de kuil am no-whar' longside ty cents a day for all citizens in need or almost any locality east of the dynasties of Europe, great triumphs which I poisoned him, but as he did of a kin' word an' an honest heart."- of employment and able to work, and

An elderly gentleman accustomed pplying for the same and willing to This Mrs. Harleson, whom I murder: to "indulge," entered the room of a recompense the city by chopping ed along with her three children, had certain tavern, where sat a grave wood. It was expected that the ex Here is another prison romance; a dissolute husband, and a short time Friend by the fire. Lifting a pair of periment would cause a marked in have ever seen; no wet, boggy marsh John Smith, a convict in the Ohio ago he went away a d left her. She green spectacles upon his forehead, crease of expenses, but the figures lands to create ague. We have to go Penetentiary, sick with consumption, was a hard-working woman, and had ruobing his inflamed eyes and cail- already show a small saving, and the very deep for water, but it is good was grapted a pardon. The warden a farm with plenty of grain, stock, ing for hot brandy and water he com number of tramps has already dewhen we get it. My well is seventy- carried the document to the invalid poultry, etc., on it. I conceived the plained to the Friend that his eyes creased; in fact, the tramp who will eight feet deep, and I kucw of some with some misgivings in his mind idea of murdering her and her chil- were getting weaker, and that even not work does not appear in the on the table lands that are 130 feet possibly, as some ten years ago a dren, and then selling off everything speciacles didn't seem to do them deep, and on down to thirty-five feet. consumptive prisoner who had been she had and pocketing the proceeds, any good. "I'll tell thee, friend," re-Well, I think I can hear some of the pardoned, that he might die at home. For this purpose I told the neighbors plied the Quaker, "what I think. If good people of Marshall and Stark stole five horses and a carriage be I was going to take Mrs. Harleson thee were to wear thy spectacles that the Mexicans would favor the counties say, to use an Indian term, fore he had been a week out of pris and her children to a neighboring over thy month for a few months, "heap deep"; but I think deep wells, on. In this case, the prisoner took town and to them to come ver the thy eyes would get well again."

to shallow wells, as some of them are childish fervor, and died. A few pight I murdered them, and hid their | September 12, 1883, will be the two is a conviction upon the minds of all in Indiana, where you pump up ague days later a lady, richly dressed and bo les under a bay stack, and went hundredth anniversary of the deliving intelligent men, lucid as the noonday by the bucketfuls. We only consider heavily veiled, claimed the remains, away myself. After the lapse of two ery of Vienna from the Turks by light, that Mexico must have railroads it good exercise here to draw the wa- and returned with them to a neigh or three days. I returned and gave John Sobieski. The manucipality of or she is lost. The Mexican people ter from our wells. Grasshoppers borhood that knew her busband by out that Mrs. Harleson had gone to the city has resolved to celebrate the have not the capital, nor the experjoin her husband, and I had bought occasion with special honor.

Items of Interest.

It is now given out that Nast realizes \$200 a week from the Harpers A press telegram from Berlin says

the Socialist law is being enforced with renewed severity. Seventeen publications have been prohibited in Leipsie alone. The Charlotte, N. C., Observer says

that, owing to the lack of an efficient school system, the younger generation of North Carolinians are growing up in ignorance. Representative Alexander H. Stephen's body servant "Harry," by his

wealthy, and is said to be a richer man than his master. The St. Paul Press learns that fifteen thousand Russian Mennonites will leave Russia this winter, a large

own thrift and industry, has become

portion of whom will settle in Minnesota, Iowa and Dakota. It is e timated that the board health law in Illinois has driven more than twelve hundred quacks out of that State. No doubt many of them

woman partook of some refreshments, votes and influence. This system has have crossed the line into Indiana. An Army Aid Society was formed

regular sailings from America ports to twining of beans on the pole, the South America is that the trade at planting of seeds, the wasting of fat the outset cannot be profitable, and that it must be contracted at a disadvantage against the competition of existing and established lines.

good deal of pluck. In the governnent elementary schools, as now onstituted, a boy is required to learn about 3,000 characters, and a man laying any claims to scholarship Lastly, it is absolutely certain that must know from 8,000 to 10,000. The German Chancellor took ad

vantage of the attempts to assass nate the Emperor, to secure the pas sage of repressive and reactionary laws which give to the crown autocratic power over persons and property such as it has hot possessed for The suit against the government

brought by the heirs of Stephen A Douglas for certain cotton captured by the United States Government in Mississippi during the war and sold as abandoned property, was settled finally in the Court of Claims Thursday by judgment in favor of claim

It has transpired that the two men who were burned alive a few days since in Nebraska were innocent par ties who had incurred the displeasure of some cattle-thieving renegades, who perpetrated the horrible outrage. Forty thousand dollars is of fered by the Governor of Nebraska for the arrest of the flends.

Bret Harte got but \$50 each, it

said, for his "Outcasts of Poker Flat.

"Luck of Roaring Camp," "Miggles," and the other extraordinary stories he wrote fore the Overland Monthly while he was its editor. The publishers of Scribner's, it is reported, paid him \$5,000 for "Gabriel Conroy," to be published in their magazine alone Though the prices of farm produc are so low, the country is prosperous, and plenty of all the good thing, of

During the current year the city o

has also furnished food and lodging for tamps and other non-residents neighborhood of Providence.

A dispatch a few days since stated encouragement of English railway ptojects in Mexico. The Mexico Two Republics says on this question: "I lence for building them. Consequent- abuses in the staff department.

ly she must look abroad for this great factor of her future prosperity and salvation. It is useless to disguise the fact that neither capital nor railroad builders can be induced to come from Europe. No person or company in any of the nations of that continent has made an offer to this end. Therefore, it is to the United States

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where Mexico has to look. The capital and builders for her railroads. must come from that country."

Influence of the Moon on Crops; A correspondent of a New York paper was planting potatoes in the light of the moon or in the increase of the moon; several of his neighbors were present and a discussion arose as to the effect the moon had on the different crops. Answering its correspondent's inquiry, the paper said:

There has been always a powerful superstition that the moon exerted a great influence upon the affairs of mankind, but this idea has prevalled chiefly among those who did not understand the utter impossibility that the moon could exert any such influnces. Formerly the stars were supposed to assist the moon in these interferences with mankind and their labors, and to be able to 'read the stars' was equivalent to the possession of prophetic powers. Now the stars have lost their reputation, and the moon is in a fair way to lose what little is left of it. Formerly crazy people were 'moonstruck,' but now when we see a lunatic (derived meaning moonstruck,) we do not pork in the pan, unless it was killed under a growing moon, and the make, ing of suft soap. To a reasonable The school-boy in Japan requires a for the moon to be engaged in, or a very unlikely thing that the moon, can exert such influence. If any difference occurs it will be from othercauses, such as soil, weather, etc. the moon's influence on our atmosphere is so very small that it cannot

even effect the weather in the least." While referring to this subject we. are reminded of the apecdote of Tim. Harden, a member of the Lying-Club." It is a bint to pork dealers;

"One day," said he, "when I was, about to kill my hogs, a neighbor came in and told me that the moon was on the decrease, and that the meat would shink up if I killed the pigs then. But I only laughed at him and went on with the butchering When I saited away the pork. I thought it looked rather light, and every time I went to look at itshe. pieces seemed smaller. But when it came to cooking the meat the shrinkage became absolutely appalling. A big slice shrank up into a mouthful. and a whole ham or a side wouldn't make more than an ordinary meal for four persons. The next year I concluded to butcher my pork when the moon was on the increase, and did so. Gentlemen, I don't know whether you will believe me or not, but it is true nevertheless, but I didn't have that meat salted down three weeks until it swelled out so that I had to enlarge my smoke-house to double its former size to keep it under cover, When it was put into the frying-pan the effect was wonderful. A piece two inches square would spread out until it was bigger than a papkin. Fact, and I can prove it. No. gentlemen, don't fool vourselves about the

signs of the moon." After this story the c.ub solemnly

· A Pleasant Story of Lincoln. While I was in Congress, during

four years, I had frequent interviews with President Lincoln, and never, during all that time, did I hear him utter an unkind sentiment. I was was under discussion. Some of them ment, and so on. During the discussion the President sat at the end of the table with his legs twisted up and said not a word. At last some une appealed to him for his views. The President's reply was: "Gentlemen. there has been blood enough spilled; not another drop shall be shed if I can help it." Sald Mr. Stanton: This reply was like a thunderbott thrown into the Capinet, and not a word of opposition was offered. A nan who could use such language as that, at such a time, could truly subnone and charity for all."-Green Clay Smith

Officers of the line in the regular army have complaints to make against iscriminations in favor of staff offiers, and have embodied these in a memorial to Congress. Among the points made are the following: Staff officers are more rapidly promoted; they have more comforts and conventences; thay have control of the money appropriated and provide first for themselves; they so manage as to keep power in their own hands. The memorial calls for a general reform, placing line officers on an equality with staff officers, and correcting